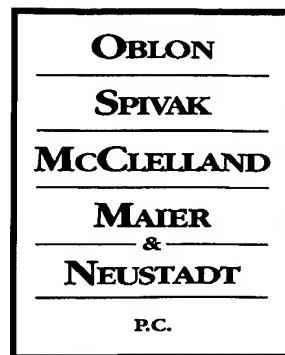




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In response to the election requirement dated March 8, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-7, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, and subclass 381 for further examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-7 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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